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Mr. Clerk,

My comments on MCR Subtitles, in order:

- A) Should give jurors better understanding of their duties
- B & C) No comment
- D) Should help jurors, particularly the elderly who make up a higher percentage of jurors as our population ages, to increase their capacity to remember the proceedings. I know that as a 65 year old I feel better with notes when I want to remember things.
- E) Reference documents should help along the same lines as my comment for D)
- F) summaries will aid in understanding issues, particularly in complex situations, I believe.
- G) These procedurals would also hopefully assist jurors in understanding complex and/or detailed testimony, again possibly in particular for elderly jurors.
- H) Follows up on E)
- I) Objections, if heard by jurors, can mightily confuse them or mislead them. It would be better if objections were considered preliminarily outside the hearing of the jury.
- J) Jury view can aid in visualization of the situation under consideration during trial.
- K) Interim juror to juror discussion(s), if managed, can assist in understanding of issues as well as in later deliberation.
- M) This impartial instruction from the bench should, with the closing arguments from opposing counsel, assist juries in their deliberation by assuring a fuller exposition of the salient issues in the trial.
- N) Will result in clearer final jury instructions.

These are my thoughts on the proposed changes; I have served on juries before, including a 31/2 week federal civil case. I am not trained in law, but I am interested as a citizen. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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